



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **VA Offers Eligible Veterans Seasonal Flu Vaccine**

**OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 3, 2013** — The Veterans Health Administration seasonal flu vaccination campaign kicks off Monday. The theme for this year's campaign is "Infection: Don't Pass It On." Veterans are encouraged to receive their free flu vaccination at their nearest VA health care facility.

Veterans must be enrolled in the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System to be eligible to receive the flu vaccination. Veterans not already enrolled may apply for enrollment at their nearest VA clinic. If the Veteran meets current requirements for enrollment, he or she may be provided the vaccination.

Veterans are encouraged to receive their flu vaccination during their regularly scheduled appointments in the primary care, mental health and specialty clinics. However, a walk-in flu clinic is also available at the VA facilities during the following dates and times:

**Walk-In Flu Vaccine Clinic Schedule** (Oct. 7 through Nov. 22 unless otherwise noted for the respective sites below)

**NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**

**VA Medical Center, 4101 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, Neb., 800-451-5796**

Clinic is located near the Blue Clinic in the main lobby area (signs posted)

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19 and Nov. 9, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**VA Clinic, 2201 N. Broadwell Ave, Grand Island, Neb., 308-382-3660**

Available through primary care clinics

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 7, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 8, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**VA Clinic, 600 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Neb., 402-489-3802**

Clinic is located in the Canteen in the lower level

Oct. 7 through Oct. 25

Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 19 and 26, 9 to 11 a.m. in the primary care clinics

**VA Clinic, 600 E. Francis, Suite 3, North Platte, Neb., 308-532-6906**

Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**VA Clinic, 2501 Capehart Road (Ehrling Bergquist, lower level), Bellevue, Neb., 402-591-4500**

Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**VA Clinic, 710 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk, Neb., 402-370-4570**

Veterans can call for an appointment or walk-in flu shot Mondays through Fridays between 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Veterans are encouraged to walk-in after 1 p.m. for faster service due to higher morning patient volume.)

**VA Clinic, 1118 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Neb., 308-995-3760**

Mondays to Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m. (Veterans are encouraged to walk-in after 1 p.m. for faster service due to higher morning patient volume.)

**VA Clinic, 512 S. Fremont, Shenandoah, Iowa. 712-246-0092**

Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Available upon request for walk-ins.)

**VA Clinic through Avera St. Anthony's Outreach Clinic, 555. E. John Street, O'Neill, Neb., 402-336-2982**

Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

**NOTE: Walk-in flu clinics will not be available when the VA outpatient clinics are closed for federal holidays.**

### **About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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